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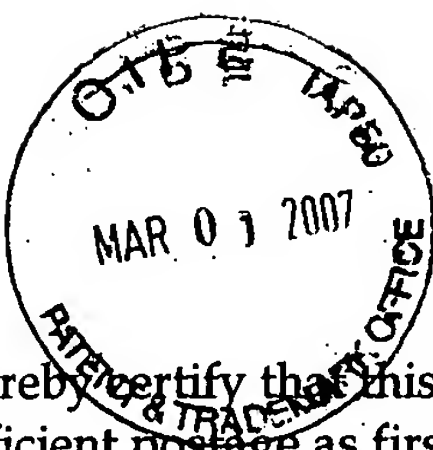
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NOTICE OF APPEAL

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Sir:

Appellants hereby give Notice of Appeal and file an Appeal Brief herewith to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Examiner's decision of Nov. 28, 2006 finally rejecting claims 1-2 and 4-11, 14-15, 18, 21, 23-31, 34 of claims 1-2 and 4-36 pending in the above-captioned patent application.

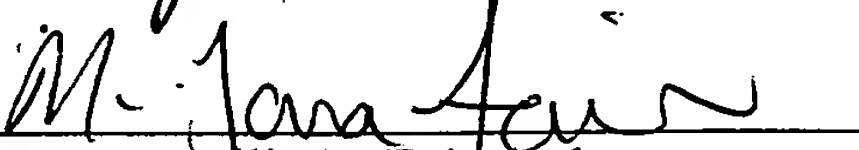
Appellants request that fees associated with earlier filed Notice of Appeal and Appeal Brief mailed September 15, 2005 but now withdrawn be applied here. Thus:

- a) A \$250 small entity Notice of Appeal fee was mailed Sept. 15, 2005.
- b) A \$250 small entity Appeal Brief filing fee was mailed Sept 15, 2005.

It is believed that no additional fees are due in connection with this Appeal Brief, however if fees are determined to be due, please charge the credit card submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,


By: Julia S. Faircloth


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For FY 2007☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) **0.****Complete if Known**

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Examiner Name	Conley, Frederick
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Attorney Docket No.	PIL001

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FEE CALCULATION**1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES**

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
50	25
200	100
360	180

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

Multiple dependent claims

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
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HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

Multiple Dependent Claims

Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
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Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
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3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

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INTERVIEW SUMMARY RECORD

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir,

On January 25, 2007, Applicants contacted Examiner Conley regarding a proposed after final amendment. The conference call included inventor Julia Faircloth, assisting patent attorney Jeanne Elpel reg. 41,456, Examiner Fredrick Conley, and his supervisor, Patricia Engle, SPE.

Discussed were proposed amendments to claims 1, 23, 25-26 and 34, faxed to Examiner Conley on Jan. 8, 2007.

Discussed a proposed amendment setting forth that the door is framed by the front surface of the pillow. Examiner Conley argued that the size of the door is merely aesthetic. Applicant countered that sewing the door to the front surface of the pillow requires an extra manufacturing step which is not achieved by sewing around the exterior of the pillow. Applicant also stated that the door attracts people to the pillow and that pillow remains unique and novel at gift shows and to new customers.

Applicant requested clarification on the combination of Herdal in view of Redman regarding "...Redman discloses a pillow having a door..." (see Office Action mailed 11/28/2006, page 3, par. 3, line 9). It is still not clear how the Redman pocket can be seen as being a door, since in no way does the pocket of Redman open like a door. If the pocket did open there would be no cavity. The Examiner merely stated that Redman shows some kind of structure centrally located on a pillow.

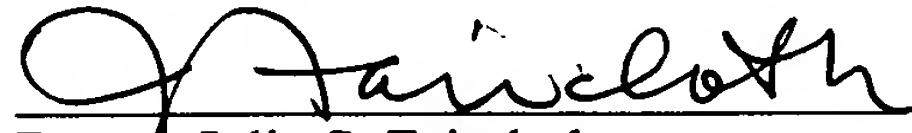
Discussed amending the claims to set forth a percentage of billowing. The Examiner thought the degree of billowing is dependent on more or less filling or stuffing therefore would be considered

a matter of design. Applicant maintains that Applicants' invented the large degree of billowing to "snuggly" hold a stuffed animal, and that this relationship is new and novel.

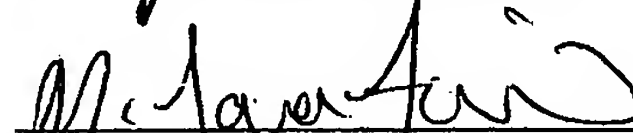
Examiner Conley mentioned that the pillow art is a crowded art. Examiner Conley also stated that the proposed amendment would not be entered as the amendment does not overcome the rejections.

Applicant again requested help with making the claims allowable. Examiner Conley said there was allowable subject matter in the case and had no further suggestions. Applicant said that the presently allowed claims are drawn to the higher end, 'bells and whistle,' pillow embodiments having additional features and that what was needed was a claim on the embodiment of Figure 1 which is the mainstay pillow of Applicants' business.

Respectfully submitted,



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